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2237	2/9/49	Memo of Special Agent McCarthy	1	no	released in full
2237A	9/3/48	Letter to Director from New York	5	yes	
2238	2/15/49	Memo to New York from Director	1	yes	
2239	2/16/49	Letter to Washington Field Office from Director	1	yes	
2240	2/14/49	Letter to Baltimore from Director	2	yes	
2241	2/17/49	Letter to Bureau from Baltimore	1	yes	
2242	2/16/49	Report of Special Agent Aulenbacker	2	yes	
2243	2/17/49	Lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2244	2/18/49	Letter to Director from New York	2	yes	
2245	2/18/49	Letter to Director from New York	1	yes	
2246	2/18/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
2247	2/18/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	2	yes	

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2248	2/18/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2249	2/18/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	2	no	released in full
2250	2/18/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2251	2/18/49	Norfolk teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2252	2/18/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2253	2/18/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore	1	yes	
2254	2/18/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
2255	2/18/49	San Francisco teletype to Bureau, New York Los Angeles, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2256	2/18/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2257	2/18/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2258	2/18/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2259	2/18/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	yes	

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2260	2/18/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York, Philadelphia, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
2261	2/17/49	Boston letter to Director	3	yes	
2262	2/19/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Boston	1	yes	
2263	2/19/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2264	2/19/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, Baltimore, New York	1	yes	
2265	2/19/49	Los Angeles teletype to Baltimore, Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	3	yes	
2266	2/21/49	Memo of Special Agent Plant	1	no	released in full
2267	2/21/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2268	2/17/49	El Paso letter to New York	1	yes	
2269	2/21/49	Memo of Special Agent Spencer	1	yes	
2270	2/17/49	Letter to Washington Field Office from Director	1	yes	
2271	2/18/49	Memo to New York from Director	1	yes	

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2272	2/17/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau Chicago	1	yes	
2273	2/21/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
2274	2/18/49	Lab report to New York	1	yes	
2275	2/21/49	Memo of Special Agent Hilsbos, New York	1	no	released in full
2276	2/21/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office, Philadelphia, San Francisco	1	yes	
2277	2/21/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
2278	2/21/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
2279	2/17/49	Bureau letter to numerous Field Offices	1	yes	
2280	2/15/49	Report of Special Agent Johnson	5	yes	
2281	2/17/49	Boston letter to Director	2	yes	
2282	2/17/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, St. Louis	1	yes	
2283	2/18/49	St. Louis teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	

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2284	2/18/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
2285	2/18/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
2286	2/11/49	Letter to Director from Mrs. Marshall	1	yes	
2287	2/18/49	Letter to New Haven from Director	1	yes	
2288	2/18/49	Director letter to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2289	10/7/48	Report of Special Agent Zander	3	yes	
2290	2/18/49	Memo to New York from Director	1	yes	
2291	2/21/49	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont, New York	1	no	released in full
2292	2/21/49	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont, New York	1	no	released in full
2293	2/21/49	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	2	no	released in full
2294	2/21/49	Memo of Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
2295	2/21/49	Memo of Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full

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2296	2/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2297	2/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2298	2/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
2299	2/21/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2300	2/21/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York, Chicago	1	yes	
2301	2/21/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
2302	2/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
2303	2/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Boston	1	yes	
2304	2/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau, San Antonio	3	yes	
2305	2/21/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2306	2/21/49	Bureau teletype to New York, Baltimore	1	yes	
2307	2/21/49	Newark teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	

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2308	2/21/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
2309	2/21/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2310	2/22/49	Boston teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
2311	2/18/49	Report of Special Agent Small	4	yes	
2312	2/21/49	Detroit memo to New York	1	no	released in full
2313	2/18/49	Report of Special Agent Davis	3	yes	
2314	2/21/49	Houston teletype to San Antonio	1	yes	
2315	2/21/49	Lab report to New York	1	yes	
2316	2/23/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York, Bureau	1	yes	
2317	2/23/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2318	2/23/49	New York letter to Boston	1	no	released in full
2319	2/23/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles	1	yes	

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2320	2/23/49	New York teletype to Washington Field Office	1	no	released in full
2321	2/23/49	New York teletype to Norfolk, Bureau, Baltimore, San Francisco, Los Angeles, El Paso, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2322	2/23/49	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
2323	2/14/49	Report of Special Agent Lawler	5	yes	
2324	2/23/49	New Haven letter to Director	1	yes	
2325	2/23/49	Washington Field Office memo to Director	1	yes	
2326	2/24/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2327	2/24/49	Bureau teletype to New York, Baltimore	1	yes	
2328	2/24/49	San Antonio teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2329	2/21/49	Lab report to Boston	3	yes	
2330	2/21/49	Lab report to Boston	1	yes	
2331	2/23/49	Director memo to New York	1	yes	

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2332	2/23/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2333	2/24/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2334	2/24/49	Cincinnati teletype to Bureau, New York, Baltimore	1	yes	
2335	2/24/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2336	2/18/49	Report of Special Agent Welch	4	yes	
2337	2/23/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
2338	2/23/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Boston, New Haven	1	yes	
2339	2/23/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, Philadelphia, New York	4	yes	
2340	2/23/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Baltimore, New York	1	yes	
2341	2/24/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
2342	2/23/49	Bureau teletype to New York, Baltimore	1	yes	
2343	2/23/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles	2	yes	

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2344	2/24/49	New York letter to Director	23	yes	
2345	2/24/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
2346	2/24/49	Washington Field Office teletpe to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2347	2/24/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2348	2/24/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
2349	2/23/49	Chicago letter to Director	6	yes	
2350	2/24/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2351	2/24/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2352	2/25/49	New York teletype to New Haven, Bureau	2	yes	
2353	2/24/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles	2	yes	
2354	2/21/49	Report of Special Agent O'Keefe	127	yes	
2355	2/24/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles	1	yes	

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2356	2/24/49	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
2357	2/24/49	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
2358	2/24/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2359	2/24/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles	1	yes	
2360	2/24/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2361	2/24/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Atlanta	1	yes	
2362	2/23/49	Letter to Buffalo from Director	2	yes	
2363	2/24/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	yes	
2364	2/23/49	Bureau memo to New York	1	yes	
2365	2/23/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2366	2/25/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2367	2/18/49	Director memo to New York	1	yes	

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2368	2/23/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	2	yes	
2369	2/23/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	4	yes	
2370	2/23/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
2371	2/23/49	Lab report to New York	2	yes	
2372	2/23/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
2373	2/24/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Director	1	yes	
2374	2/24/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	2	yes	
2375	2/24/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	
2376	2/24/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
2377	2/24/49	Washington Field Office memo to New York	1	no	released in full

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New York, N.Y.
February 9, 1949

MEMO:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

MRS. LEONARD GALEN, 39-57 45th Street, Long Island City, New York, Stillwell 4-4365, the divorced wife of MAXIM LIEBER was interviewed by the writer on February 7, 1949 to determine if she knew WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, ALGER HISS or PRISCILLA HISS. She stated that she was completely separated from MAXIM LIEBER by 1933, and had nothing to do with him from then on. She was never in Pennsylvania with him after 1933, and did not know CHAMBERS or the HISSES.

WILLIAM J. MCCARTHY, JR., SA

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - FOR INFO
OF HOUSTON AND SAN ANTONIO OFFICES, LATTER OF WHICH IS NOT BEING REQUESTED
TO MAKE INVESTIGATION AT THIS TIME, BUREAU ATTEMPTING TO AUTHENTICATE
HANDWRITTEN SIGNATURE OF ALGER HISS. FBI LABORATORY HAS A FINGER-
PRINT CARD DATED MAY SIX, NINETEEN FORTYTWO OF ALGER HISS WITH HIS
SIGNATURE. CARD BEARS NOTATION THAT FINGERPRINTS WERE TAKEN BY GRADY
E. BENNETT, JR. STENO., ROOM ONE NAUGHT NAUGHT, DEPT OF STATE. IN
ADDITION TO CONTAINING SIGNATURE IN NAME ALGER HISS, IT CONTAINS
WRITING ON REVERSE SIDE, ALSO PRESUMABLY WRITTEN BY HISS. CSC RECORDS
REFLECT BENNETT BORN AUGUST THREE, NINETEEN TWENTY, VARD, ALABAMA, EDUCATED
AT EDINBURG, TEXAS JURNIOR COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, APPOINTED
JR. STENO., PERSONNEL DIVISION, MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE SECTION, STATE
DEPT., FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYTWO. HIS PERMANENT ADDRESS WAS
LISTED AS RFD TWO, EDINBURG, TEXAS, WHERE HIS PARENTS, MR. AND MRS.
FRED G. BENNETT, RESIDE. BENNETT TRANSFERRED FROM STATE DEPT TO PANAMA
CANAL AGENCY, JANUARY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE AND RESIGNED FROM
PANAMA CANAL, FEBRUARY ELEVEN, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE. ON MAY SEVENTEEN,
NINETEEN FORTYSIX, BENNETT REQUESTED HIS RETIREMENT FROM US CSC AND
SAME WAS FORWARDED TO HIM AT THREE ONE ONE DEWEE BLVD., PORT ARTHUR,
TEXAS. HOUSTON WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GRADY E. BENNETT AND DETERMINE

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See lead Houston #
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SPECIFICALLY IF HE CAN TESTIFY THAT SIGNATURE AND WRITING ON REVERSE
SIDE OF AFOREMENTIONED CSC FINGERPRINT CARD WAS WRITTEN BY ALGER HISS.
IF BENNETT NOT LOCATED PORT ARTHUR, SUGGEST INQUIRY BE MADE THROUGH
PARENTS AT EDINBURG, TEXAS. INVESTIGATION REQUESTED HEREIN TO BE
EXPEDITED. LEADS AND RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION TO BE FORWARDED BY
TELETYPE TO BUREAU, NY AND WFO.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE, IS HISS
 R. RE CINCINNATI TEL. FEBRUARY FIFTEEN. THOMAS KING UPON RECONTACT
 ADVISED CORRECT NAME OF CURTISS WRIGHT EMPLOYEE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, WAS
 ROBERT QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE SLAGLE, AND NOT SLADE AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.
 KING STATED SLAGLE WAS A DRAFTING ENGINEER, ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD,
 EMPLOYED AT GLENN L. MARTIN UNTIL SEPTEMBER, FORTYFOUR. CINCINNATI WILL
 INTERVIEW SLAGLE RE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF FELIX A. INSLERMAN, FORMER EMPLOYEE
 GLENN L. MARTIN, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AND ALLEGED PHOTOGRAPHER IN HISS
 CHAMBERS SPY APPARATUS, AND ATTEMPT TO SECURE ANY INFORMATION SLAGLE
 MAY HAVE TO ESTABLISH INENTITY OF QUOTE BUZZ UNQUOTE. REFER MYTEL
 FEBRUARY FOURTEEN.

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New York, N. Y.

February 21, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases,
INFORMANT

During the course of the interview with the above-captioned individual, he has given information on several occasions which has no connection whatsoever with the case entitled JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases, et al; PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R. In view of this situation, it is suggested that a 62 file be opened wherein should be filed information supplied by this individual not having reference to the latter case file. At the completion of the interview with CHAMBERS a copy of the statement he has made will be included in this informant file.

F. X. PLANT,
Special Agent

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

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February 21, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

At 11:30 a.m. I called SAC J. J. Gleason of the New Haven Office and referred to their teletype of 2-19-49 in connection with the proposed trip of CHAMBERS to Thomaston, Conn. I advised him that CHAMBERS and Special Agents T. G. Spencer and J. J. Ward had left New York at 10:30 a.m. and expected to take about three hours to make the trip. I advised him that they were travelling in a 1948 blue Buick sedan, license number 1948 9W6679, with a 1949 tag.

He advised he would furnish this information to SA J. C. Carr, who was to meet them.

J. T. HILSBOS,
Special Agent

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

February 21, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On the afternoon of February 21, SA Tom Spencer called me from Thomaston, Connecticut. He advised that CHAMBERS had been driven around in an effort to locate the exact spot where he had stayed on his trip, but that CHAMBERS had been unable to locate the exact house, although the area was rather definitely fixed within a few blocks. Agent Spencer advised that an agent of the New Haven office had been with them and that they were going to recommend that agents check all of the houses in the particular area to try to come up with something definite. I advised Agent Spencer that the New Haven agent should discuss this with his office.

Agent Spencer advised they were going on to New Hampshire and requested that we advise the Boston office that they would meet the resident agent at Peterboro, New Hampshire at 9:00 am on February 22 in front of the main post office, and that they would be in a dark blue Buick with New York license tags. Supervisor Tuohy was informed of this and an appropriate teletype is being sent.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

February 21, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On the morning of February 21, 1949, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau inquired as to whether Mr. Donegan intends to subpoena JOSEPH LOUIS SHERMAN before the Grand Jury. He advised that several times in the past the Bureau has attempted to interview SHERMAN and each time he has refused to be interviewed in the absence of a warrant.

I called Mr. Fletcher's attention to a teletype we sent to the Bureau and Los Angeles last week which Los Angeles had forwarded to the San Diego Division. In this teletype we pointed out that, according to CHAMBERS, when SHERMAN returned from Russia about 1937, he had told CHAMBERS that he was through with "those murderers"; that he was going to California to join the open party and at his request, CHAMBERS checked with Colonel BYKOV relative to the \$5,000 SHERMAN had brought back with him; that BYKOV authorized him to keep the \$5,000 and instructed that before he left New York he clear with the local NKVD; that SHERMAN refused to do this and requested CHAMBERS to give him a 48 hour start which CHAMBERS did. In this teletype we had pointed out to the Bureau also that SHERMAN had used a false name in obtaining his passport and that we had suggested that the agents in California utilize this violation of the Passport Law to pick SHERMAN up and interview him vigorously, even though the statute of limitations has passed. I advised Mr. Fletcher we wanted to be sure the Bureau considered this as it appeared to give a possibility of getting SHERMAN to talk.

Relative to the subpoena of SHERMAN before the Grand Jury, I advised Mr. Fletcher that we had spoken to Donegan concerning this and that Donegan's present line of thinking is to have Mr. Whearty or someone from the Department go out to the west coast to bring several persons on the west coast before the Grand Jury, including SHERMAN, FOLKOFF, CRANE and others. We will let the Bureau know of any decision the Department may make on this.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

February 21, 1949

MEMO

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Because of the fact that CHAMBERS advised that he testified at the pre-trial deposition in Baltimore on February 18 concerning his trip to Connecticut and New Hampshire with HISS in 1937, at my request, SA Frank Plant called the Baltimore office and requested that office to make arrangements with CHAMBERS to come up to New York on Monday, February 21, for the purpose of driving with agents to Connecticut and New Hampshire to attempt to locate the places where he stayed during those trips. On the evening of February 18, SA Frank Johnstone called me from the Baltimore office to advise that CHAMBERS had agreed to come to New York for this purpose.

On February 19, I advised Mr. Fletcher that we were taking CHAMBERS up to Connecticut and New Hampshire for the above purpose by Bureau automobile with two New York agents accompanying him.

On February 18, 1949, Mr. T. J. Donegan advised that one of the motions of the defense counsel concerns a request by the defense that the "pumpkin microfilms" be made available to them for examination. Mr. Donegan wondered whether the Laboratory had possession of the microfilm and felt that the Laboratory should be advised of this request by the defense in order that they could complete their examination prior to any order that the film be turned over to the defense for examination.

I spoke to Mr. Fletcher at the Bureau advising him that we had sent copies of the motions by the defense to the Bureau by cover letter dated February 17. I advised that these copies had been furnished by Mr. Donegan and that we should be careful that we do not embarrass Donegan with the Department by letting the Department know that Donegan had given these to us. Mr. Fletcher advised the Laboratory had had possession of the microfilm only for five hours and it was now back in the possession of the HCUA. I informed Mr. Donegan of this.

On February 19, I advised both Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Donegan that we are taking CHAMBERS up to Connecticut and New Hampshire to identify the places where he stayed during his trip with HISS in 1937.

Mr. Donegan mentioned that the defense would probably try to embarrass CHAMBERS concerning his trip to New Orleans in the 1930's inasmuch as CHAMBERS, in his testimony at the pre-trial deposition, had mentioned B. I.

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this trip and had stated that he stayed at a "dive" in New Orleans. Mr. Donegan thought it might be desirable to get a photograph of the place where CHAMBERS stayed in New Orleans as it was possibly a fairly decent place and the photographs could be used to refute any effort on the part of the defense to show that CHAMBERS had stayed at a place of ill repute.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

*Re: Photo. of place in N.O.:
We have address of this place & if it is
still standing can probably get photo. of it.
However, CHAMBERS was in N.O. in 1919-20 & not
1930's; as stated in this memo. Further, the place
was probably a 'dive' as CHAMBERS says. The owner, a
Mrs. Nicholas was a drunk; the occupants included her
sister, dying of TB; a prostitute & a pimp; & other
who, for CHAMBERS, were 'penitents & destitute'. In 1930s
these facts he brought to Donegan's attn. to determine just
what investigation he desired.*

*J.H. Plant
r 24-49.*

*3/3/49
Tel. Bu. & N.C. re info.
& photo. desired by Mr. Donegan
J.H. Plant*

*3/2/49
T.D.D. - advised. is advising
SA Plant as to his wishes, indicated
New Orleans should ascertain type of
establishment it was & get photo of it.
gjc*



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FILE No. _____

New York, New York.
February 21, 1949.

MEMO.

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
was.: CP AL;
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

In a previous memorandum information was set forth indicating that ~~RAUL TOLEDANO~~ and ~~VICTOR LASKY~~ were contemplating writing a book concerning the ~~WASS - CHAMBERS~~ controversy.

On February 16, 1949, while CHAMBERS was being interviewed he advised that ~~TOLEDANO~~ had recently communicated with him and advised that when they were reviewing the testimony set forth in the House Un-American Activities Committee report they observed that ~~LASKY~~ admitted knowing ~~WASS~~ when both were employed at the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. According to information in the possession of ~~TOLEDANO~~, ~~WASS~~ was not in the AAA when ~~WASS~~ was so employed.

*Doregan for letter to Lasky;
is answer to his.
gpc*

THOMAS C. STINGER
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New York, New York.
February 21, 1949.

MEMO.

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
was.; ET AL;
PERJURY
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On February 16, 1949 during an interview with CHAMBERS he related that he had spoken to HARRY LAVINE a writer on "Newsweek" magazine, the previous evening and had ascertained from LAVINE that RALPH TOLEDANO at one time had a conversation with EARL BROWDER during which time BROWDER admitted knowing ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and further that ALGER HISS was a party member and that BROWDER actually had a couple of conferences with HISS either in the pertinent period of this investigation or at a later time.

LAVINE advised CHAMBERS that TOLEDANO is perfectly willing to tell what he knows to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is suggested, therefore, that TOLEDANO be interviewed in connection with the statements made by HARRY LAVINE.

According to CHAMBERS, TOLEDANO was a former member of the Communist Party, but is now definitely anti-Communist.

THOMAS G. SPENCER
SA

gpc Kelly

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*Bureau to
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to be interviewed*

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JAHAM. CHAMBERS, ACCOMPANIED BY SAS T. G. SPENCER AND J. J. WARD
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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: February 21, 1949

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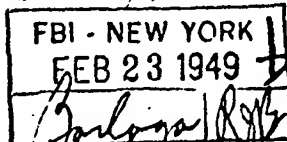
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Reference is made to your teletype concerning JOHN HERMANN of Taylor's Island, Maryland, who is presently believed to be in Mexico City.

For your further information, Mr. DONALD TEEL who is referred to in the teletype has advised that probably the best source of information relative to the future plans of JOHN HERMANN and his wife, is the mother of JOHN's wife, Mrs. FLORENCE TATE, Apartment C-6, 305 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. TEEL also suggested that possibly some information concerning the HERMANNS return to the United States might be secured from the Peoples Loan, Savings and Deposit Bank, Cambridge, Maryland where JOHN HERMANN is known to do part of his business.

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SAC, Boston

February 23, 1949

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BY
JAY-DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases, et al
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As requested there are being returned herewith the four photographs of The Bleak House, Peterboro, New Hampshire, furnished in referenced letter.

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FEBRUARY 23, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (URGENT)

JAHAM. RENVTEL FEBRUARY FOURTEENTH LAST. SUTEL WHEN SUMMARY BACKGROUND
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FOR SUMMARY REPORT.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

February 23, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On February 23, I spoke to Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau to advise him that Mr. Donegan had indicated that Special Assistant to the AG KELLY, who is now trying the Axis Sally treason case in Washington, may be assigned to handle the HISS perjury trial.

Mr. Fletcher was further advised that, in accordance with Bureau instructions, the information furnished by CHAMBERS concerning his private life, as set forth in detail by our confidential letter of February 18th to the Bureau, had been furnished orally to Mr. Donegan. It was pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that inasmuch as we had given this information confidentially to Mr. Donegan, we could not construe this as having furnished the information to the Department. Therefore, in order that the Bureau would not be embarrassed at some future date and be charged with withholding information from the Department on this case, I suggested that the Bureau might desire to consider how this information could be furnished to the Department in such a manner as to restrict its circulation. Mr. Fletcher advised that the Bureau would consider this further.

Mr. Fletcher advised that the report of SA Zander of Washington Field dated February 4 sets forth a comparison of the 65 documents furnished by CHAMBERS against the sources of the information in these documents from the State Department files. He advised that the items in this report had been gone over and marked as to Q1, Q2, etc., so that they were correlated with the laboratory's report. At my request, he stated that a letter would be sent to this office, setting forth this correlation for our benefit also.

A. H. BELMONT
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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU & NEW HAVEN - URGENT

JAHAM, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RE NEW HAVEN TEL FEBRUARY TWENTY THIRD, NINETEEN FORTY NINE, WHICH STATES THAT IN VIEW OF FACT CHAMBERS NOT ABLE TO IDENTIFY PLACE AT WHICH HE STAYED IN THOMASTON, CONN., NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IN SUCH DIRECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY NEW HAVEN. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND NEW HAVEN OFFICE CHAMBERS, WHEN HE WAS FIRST QUESTIONED CONCERNING HIS TRIP WITH ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS TO THOMASTON, CONN., PETERBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND TO THE SUMMER HOME OF HARRY DEXTER WHITE IN THE LATE SUMMER OF NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, DESCRIBED IN DETAIL THE GEOGRAPHICAL ASPECTS OF THE SMALL SQUARE IN THE CENTER OF ^{THOMASTON} ~~TOWN~~, AS WELL AS THE ANGLES OF THE ROADS LEADING OFF OF THE SQUARE AND THE LOCATION OF THE TOURIST HOME AT WHICH ALL THREE STOPPED AS BEING A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THIS TOWN SQUARE. IT WILL ALSO BE RECALLED THAT CHAMBERS HAS A FAIR RECOLLECTION THAT ALGER HISS SIGNED A GUEST REGISTER IN THOMASTON, CONN., ON THIS OCCASION. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR STOP AT PETERBOROUGH HE DEFINITELY RECALLED SEEING A PLAY "SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER" AND THAT INVESTIGATION AT PETERBOROUGH REFLECTED THAT THIS PLAY ACTUALLY WAS PORTRAYED BY THE PETERBOROUGH PLAYERS AT STERN'S FARM DURING THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST TENTH TO AUGUST FIFTEENTH, NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. WHILE IN PETERBOROUGH WITH AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE ON FEBRUARY TWENTY SECOND, CHAMBERS ALSO RATHER DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED THE BLEAK HOUSE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THAT CITY AS BEING THE TOURIST HOME AT WHICH THE HISSES AND HIMSELF RESIDED FOR ONE NIGHT WHILE ON THIS TRIP. IT IS OF COURSE APPRECIATED THAT CHAMBERS WAS UNABLE TO DEFINITELY IDENTIFY THE PARTICULAR HOUSE IN THOMASTON IN WHICH

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

THE HISSES STAYED. HOWEVER, ~~IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT~~ IF THIS TOURIST HOME IN THOMASTON IS LOCATED AND A REGISTER SHOWING THAT ALGER HISS SIGNED SUCH REGISTER USING THE TRUE NAMES OF THE PARTY OR FICTITIOUS ONES, IT WILL DEFINITELY PROVE THAT ALGER HISS SAW WHITTAKER CHAMBERS SUBSEQUENT TO DECEMBER NINETEEN THIRTY SIX, UPON WHICH THE SECOND COUNT IN THE PERJURY INDICTMENT AGAINST HISS IS BASED. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS NOT DEFINITELY PROVED THIS ASSOCIATION IT IS BELIEVED THAT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY THE NEW HAVEN OFFICE. CHAMBERS HAS DESCRIBED THE AREA IN WHICH THIS HOUSE WAS PROBABLY LOCATED AS BEING IN A TRIANGLE BOUNDED BY THE TOWN MAIN STREET (ROUTE TWO NAUGHT TWO) ON THE WEST; ELM STREET ON THE EAST, AND UNION STREET. IN THIS REGARD CHAMBERS DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE HOUSE MAY BE ON THE WEST SIDE OF MAIN STREET. IT WAS ALSO OBSERVED THAT THERE IS A PARKING LOT OPPOSITE THE THOMASTON HOTEL WHICH IS EMBRACED IN THIS TRIANGLE AND THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD A TOURIST HOME MAY HAVE BEEN LOCATED ON THIS GROUND. THE POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT ONE OF THE HOUSES IN THIS AREA MIGHT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY FIRE, ~~OR ALTERED~~, OR ALTERED SO THAT CHAMBERS COULD NOT RECOGNIZE IT. IT IS, THEREFORE, SUGGESTED THAT THE HISTORY OF EVERY HOUSE IN THIS DESCRIBED TRIANGLE DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD BE ASCERTAINED. IT IS APPRECIATED THAT THIS MAY ENTAIL THE INVESTIGATION OF PROBABLY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO TWO HUNDRED HOUSES, HOWEVER, IT IS FELT THAT EVERY ~~PRECAUTION~~ ^{ATTEMPT} SHOULD ^{MADE} BE ~~TAKEN~~ TO ~~DETERMINE~~ DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF THIS TOURIST HOME OR DEFINITELY

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAHAM
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DATE: February 24, 1949

Reurtel February 16, 1949, requesting, among other things, that any photograph of CHARLES KRAMER be forwarded to New York Office.

There are transmitted herewith two photographs of CHARLES KRAMER.

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ENCLOSURES (2)

See Exhibit #267

